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FOURTH TOUR ROUND THE WORLD OF THE WORLD-FAMED

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A BOOM.
COME AND EXPECT MUCH.
Admission 3s, 2s and 1s.
Box Plan at ROBINSONS PIANO CO.
Doors open at 8.15. Commence 9 o'clock.
Terminate 11.15.

Special Late Theatre Steamer will leave for
Kowloon every evening after the performance.
Special Late Theatre Train Cars will leave
for the Peak after the performance on MON-
DAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVEN-
INGS the 23rd, 25th and 27th insts.

JAMES MORGAN,
Business Representative.
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TO-NIGHT at 9 P.M.
GRAND CHANGE
OF
PROGRAMME.

WARREN'S CIRCUS

opposite Harbour Master's Office,
West Point.

NEW SENSATIONS

AND
SOUL-STIRRING SCENES.

THE AMAZING EQUESTRIAN

SCARF ACT.
THREE MERRY CLOWNS IN A
TUB.

THE MERRY "WILLIAM TELL"

BURLESQUE.
THE BONELESS WONDER.

THE BOXING BURLESQUE.

THE HORIZONTAL BARS.
THE GREAT CHAIR PYRAMID.

NEW PANTOMIMES.

NEW ENTREES, &c.
Box Plan at Messrs. ROBINSONS PIANO CO.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [526b]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU,"
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the
above ports, on SUNDAY, the 29th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1900. [45]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"CAELIC"

are hereby notified that their Goods are at their
risk being discharged into Lighters and/or
landed into our Godowns at Wanchai and
delivery may be had either from Lighters or
from Godowns upon countersignature of Bills
of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 29th
instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [2]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 26th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight and Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [491b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"JASON,"
Captain Lyett, will be despatched on
THURSDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [561b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain Anderson, will be despatched on
WEDNESDAY, the 15th May, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating
Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh
Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
M.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from AUSTRALIA are available for
return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND
AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [492b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"
Captain Moore, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 26th instant.

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the Superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with
Electric Light.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [514b]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's New Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Blaxland, will be despatched for the
above port, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant,
at 5 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the excellent accommodation provided by this
steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric
Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [525b]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.
THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"
Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as
above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at
4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First Class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [527b]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SAINT IRENE,"
FROM PORTLAND, OR, YOKOHAMA,
KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

DOIDWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [4]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Sub-
scriptions, Advertisements,
"Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor"
and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accom-
panied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily
for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all ques-
tions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly under-
stood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself
responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended
for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock
so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered
for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

The Hongkong Telegraph has the largest circulation of
any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is
therefore the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be
learned on application.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CLARETS.

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET, CHATEAU RAUZAN and CHATEAU LAFITTE are commended to the notice of Connoisseurs as high-class after-dinner Wines of a rich and rare character.

These CLARETS are bought direct from the leading French growers. The lowest priced are of exceptional value and guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made as is generally the case with cheap Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

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Cross for gallantry at the battle of Colenso.

THE PRINCE OF WALES RETURNS TO LONDON.

The Prince of Wales on his return to London met with a great ovation all the way to Marlborough House. During his journey from the continent, while passing through Altona, the Emperor of Germany arrived unexpectedly with the express purpose of greeting the Prince. The German papers regard this as a renewal of evidence of the Emperor's Anglophile sentiments.

THE WAR.

FIGHTING AT DEWETSDRUP.

The 8th and 3rd Divisions encountered the enemy at noon yesterday near Dewetsdrup, and fighting occurred until dark. The artillery principally was engaged and two of the enemy's guns were temporarily silenced. The British command the hills for miles round. It is stated the Boer position is strong. Casualties slight.

BOERS ACTIVE ROUND WEPENER.

News from Maseru 10th inst. says that the Boers are moving freely round Wepener and parties are proceeding in all directions from where the British relief columns are expected. Desultory cannonading and rifle occurred all day, but the besieged were almost silent. Boer reinforcements had arrived.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—
On the 22nd at 11.55 a.m. a high pressure area is central over N.E. China, and the barometer has risen on the coast generally. Gradients moderate with strong N.E. monsoon on the coast, and freshening monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds; dull, probably some rain.
On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has risen in Japan, and is inclined to fall on the China coast. The high pressure area is moving Eastwards in the Yellow Sea. Gradients moderate with strong N.E. monsoon on the China coast. Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French mail delivery was commenced at 8.25 a.m. yesterday.

H.M.S. *Bonaventure* left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Manila.

DURING the temporary absence of Dr. J. C. Thomson from the Colony Major S. F. Clark, R.A.M.C., has been appointed Acting Medical Officer of Victoria Jail.

HER Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Honourable C. P. Chater, C.M.G., to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

THE last of the Entertainments in aid of the Indian Famine Fund took place on Saturday night. As in the previous performances, everything went with a swing and those who lent their aid are to be congratulated upon their success.

LAST Saturday evening a meeting was held at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong at their rooms, Praya Central, for the purpose of discussing a paper which had been read by Mr. T. R. G. Wilks, Kowloon Dock, at a previous meeting, on "Water-tube Boilers as Steam Generators." The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Ramsay, M.I.M.E., who was supported by numerous other gentlemen. A full report of the discussion will appear in our Saturday's issue.

AMONGST the passengers who left for home today we note the name of The Right Rev. Bishop Pizzoli, who returns to Italy on a short holiday, owing to ill health. He expects to be absent for about seven months, returning then to his former work if his health permits. The members of his congregation presented him with an address a few days ago, and we join in the hope that his health may be fully restored and that he may be able to resume his duties again at the end of the year.

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BY THE MAIL.

(From Home Papers.)

The "Janus."

The *Janus*, 27-knot destroyer, completed refitting in readiness for commission for the China Station, and left Sheerness on 16th ult. for her machinery trials.

Captain Wolseley.

Captain Wolseley, nephew of the Commander-in-Chief, who has been serving with the Egyptian Army for three years, has been posted to Hounsfield for duty with drafts of the City of London Regiment, and will probably leave for South Africa with an early draft.

The "Otter."

The torpedo-boat destroyer *Otter* is to be commissioned at Devonport on 27th ult. for service on the China Station, and she will be conveyed to Hongkong by the battleship *Goliath*. A crew of sixty petty officers and seamen were detailed at the Royal Naval Barracks, Keyham, for the destroyer on 12th ult.

Tommy's Paper.

Lord Roberts has had a newspaper started for the edification of the troops, and Mr. Rudyard Kipling contributed to the issue on 17th ult., some stirring lines about "Erin's Badge by Law." The Commander-in-Chief has doubtless with some sense of humour requested most of the war correspondents on the spot to form the temporary staff.

Fashionable Marriage.

The Hon. Oliver Howard, third son of the Earl of Carlisle, was married to Miss Muriel Stephenson, daughter of Mr. Russell Stephenson, in All Saints' Church, Ennismore-gardens, on 17th ult. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne was present at the wedding, and many other distinguished guests.

Lord Lister.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Joseph, Lord Lister, P.R.S., F.R.C.S., and Surgeon Extraordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of Sir James Paget, Bart., deceased. The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Frederick Treves, Esq., F.R.C.S., to be one of the Surgeons Extraordinary to Her Majesty.

A Coming Celebration.

June 23rd next will be the centenary of the birth of Lieutenant Waghorn, the pioneer of the overland route to India, the man who in the early years of this century did so much towards the establishment of rapid communication by steam with our great dependency. It is the intention of Messrs. George Wheatley and Co., successors of Waghorn and Co., to mark the event by a public dinner.

Students Pardoned.

The Home Secretary, in response to the petition presented to him, has promptly granted a free pardon to all the defendants recently convicted at Cambridge for complicity in the disturbances which arose out of the students' celebration of the relief of Ladysmith, on the ground that the evidence did not justify a conviction for felony. The news was conveyed in a letter addressed to Mr. W. B. Redfern, J.P., who sent the petition. Needless to say, it was received with the greatest satisfaction in Cambridge.

The Second Malarial Expedition.

The second Malarial Expedition, promoted by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, left Liverpool on 21st ult. in the steamship *Olinda*, for Old Calabar and South Nigeria. The object of the expedition is study the cause, spread, and the treatment of malaria and tropical diseases generally. The expedition consists of Dr. H. E. Ansell Elliot (Toronto), and Dr. J. E. Dutton. Investigations and experiments will be made in accordance with the mosquito theory of Major Ross.

Nearly Robbed.

The Banque de l'Indo-Chine has had a narrow escape of losing £4,000 through the dishonesty of one of its office messengers. He had been entrusted with the cashing of a cheque at the Banque de France for the above amount, when after a period of one hour he came back to the office showing all the appearances of having sustained a violent assault, and of having been robbed of the full amount he was carrying. Investigation proved that the whole story was a concoction, and he was forthwith arrested. Meanwhile the money has been fully recovered.

The Pacific Cable.

The Canadian Senate on 16th ult. adopted a resolution proposed by Sir Mackenzie Bowell setting forth that "serious delays having occurred in the prosecution of the Pacific cable undertaking through the hostility of the Eastern Extension Company, which is now demanding concessions from Australia that, if granted, will imperil its success, this House is of opinion that any further delay in proceeding with the construction of the cable will be inimical to the interests of the Empire, and strongly deprecates granting further concessions to the Eastern Extension or any other companies."

A Severe Penalty.

From a statement made in a private letter from a trooper in the Composite Regiment of Household Cavalry, it would appear that two privates were recently shot at the Modder River for being asleep while on sentry. Though regrettable, it is clear that iron discipline is necessary on active service, especially where the safety of the whole army is concerned. But the question naturally arises, says a writer, "How is it that, if remissness on duty is so severely punished in loyal subjects of the Queen, rebels in Cape Colony are getting off practically scot free?" Surely the leaders at least should have exemplary punishment meted out to them, and those caught red-handed should be shot.

The New Royal Yacht-a Failure.

Those who should be in a position to speak with authority profess to be certain that the new Royal yacht will never go to sea in her present form, or, indeed, as a Royal yacht at all. Many alterations have already been carried out, but it is said at Pembroke that the changes which it will be necessary to make before she can be sent to sea will completely alter her accommodation, and render her no longer suitable as a yacht for the convenience of the Sovereign. In such a case, however, a good use will be found for her. The present Admiralty yacht *Enchantress* is obsolete, and too small for the accommodation of "My Lords," and it is surmised that the ex-Royal yacht will be re-named *Enchantress*, and appropriated to the use of the Lords of the Admiralty.

The Consular Service.

The London Gazette contains the following announcement with respect to the Consular Service in China—

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr. Alexander Josia to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kluang, Mr. John Noel Tramm to be Her Majesty's Consul at Nanking, Mr. Charles William Campbell to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wuchow, Mr. Edward Theodore Chalmers Werner to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kiangchow, Mr. Ernest Frederick Bennett to be Her Majesty's Consul at Saumao, Mr. Ambrose John Sundius to be Her Majesty's Consul at Yochow, Mr. George Demetrius Pitypiotis to be one of Her Majesty's Vice-Consuls at Shanghai, and Mr. William Pollock Ker to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Pagoda Island.

The Burmo-Chinese Frontier.

A telegram from Rangoon states that since the defeat of a body of Chinese brigands by Mr. Hertz's exploring party there has been considerable activity among the subordinate Chinese frontier officials, who threaten to attack the British posts at Sadon and Sima. Strong bodies of military police to reinforce these outposts and 400 sepoy of the 5th Burma Regiment have been sent to Myitkyna as a reserve, while the garrisons at Shwabo and Bhamo are ready to move, if necessary. Colonel Peile, Inspector-General of Police, has gone to Myitkyna. The Prefect of Momein is apparently endeavouring to check his subordinates. Further opposition from the Was is not anticipated, the recent punishment inflicted by Mr. Scott, the British Commissioner, and General Liu, the Chinese Commissioner, having sobered them. The demarcation of the frontier is proceeding satisfactorily along the Kung-ming-shan range.

Russia and the "Open Door."

The *Politische Korrespondenz* has received from St. Petersburg an abstract of Russia's answer to the Note of the United States concerning the "open door" in China. With regard to the uniformity of action observed by all the other Powers in the districts leased by China, Russia agrees entirely with all those principles which are far from being an exclusively selfish character. Although the establishment of its administration in the peninsula of Liaoning has cost Russia 50,000,000 roubles, free entry was accorded through the Harbin-Tientsin railway to all nations. The Customs limitations, which were fixed at Port Arthur, owed their existence to the special position of that military port. It should be deemed to be necessary later to bring the whole of the Liaotung Peninsula and the rest of Manchuria within the Customs limitations, then the measures taken would be in accordance with the productions of all countries. It is said that France has returned a similar reply to the American Note in recognising the principle of reciprocity in fixing the customs duties for all districts, which are in the same position as those mentioned in the Note.

Our Artillery.

Presiding over the annual meeting of Vickers Sons and Maxim Limited, held at Sheffield, Mr. T. E. Vickers referred to the statement made in the House of Commons regarding the alleged superiority of French over British artillery. The comparison of the French 12in. gun, which he believed made in regard to the older type of Mark Eight 12in. gun, and not the 12in. Mark Nine Vickers' design, the Vickers' 12in. gun, which was now being placed on board all the new battleships, had a striking energy exceeding that of the French 12in. weapon at 2,000 yards by 44 per cent, and at 4,000 yards by 56 per cent, and at 6,000 yards by 73 per cent. It was not right to compare the power of guns from velocity alone, as the French guns fired a shot weighing 644lb., whereas the English gun fired a projectile 850lb. in weight. The Vickers' marksmanship had now been made a sealed pattern for all guns of 3in. to 12in. calibre for the sea and land services, and the company had arranged a satisfactory royalty with the British Government. At the Paris Exhibition the company, amongst other exhibits, would show a 7½in. gun which, with a velocity of 3,000ft. fired shells weighing 200lb. at the rate of six to seven shells per minute.

The China Squadron.

The Naval Correspondent of the *Globe* writes:—I am exceedingly glad to learn that the Admiralty have decided to send the first-class cruiser *Argonaut* to China. With the *Terrible* there also, we shall make quite a respectable show. I thought it was unlikely that we were only to be represented by the somewhat antiquated second-class cruiser *Apollonia* in place of the *Undaunted*. The main armament of the *Argonaut* consists of 16-6in. quick-firing guns, of a length of 45 calibres, her maximum speed is 20½ knots, and her complement is 600. She has 30 Belleville boilers, with economisers in her uptakes.

The Chatham correspondent of the *Naval and Military Record* writes:—At present attention is concentrated on the battleship *Goliath*, which has been built and equipped for sea in three years and three months. The estimated cost of the ship is £846,190, but there is reason to believe that this amount has been considerably exceeded in consequence of alterations of overtime. During the past week she has been painted throughout, and all the water-tight fittings and electric services have been tested to the satisfaction of the officials. On 24th inst. she will be passed into the Fleet Reserve, and on 27th will hoist the pennant for the relief of the *Centurion* on the China Station. This will be a change for the better, as the latter vessel's displacement is 10,500 tons, whilst that of the *Goliath* is 12,950 tons, and she carries a more powerful armament than the *Centurion*.

The Wearing of the Green.

Everywhere in London on 17th ult. the shamrock was to be seen, being worn frequently in significant combination with a rosette of red, white, and blue. The Queen said her Irish soldiers might wear shamrock on St. Patrick's Day, whereupon—for kindly feeling is contagious—the English public exclaimed, "Begorra! I'll wear it, too!" The English public has worn it, and what is the result? To-day Englishmen like Irishmen as never before. Evidence on the point was furnished in every street, omnibus, and railway carriage. In the City and the West-end not to wear shamrock, or analogous bit of green, was the exception. Those who did not sport the favour were not molested, but there was a disposition to feel sorry for them. Very pleasant was it found to have the bunch of green, showing in one's button-hole, and the love of Ireland glowing in one's bosom. Everywhere you meet Cockney Tom, Bill, and Harry, gushing about dear old Ireland. Perhaps their warmth of feeling rather astonished themselves. The Queen bids fair to prove a more potent politician than Mr. Gladstone. There was, in addition to this symbolic celebration, a very practical observance of St. Patrick's Day—the annual Exhibition and Sale, organised by the London General Committee of the Irish Industries Association, which was formally opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Mansion House on 16th ult. The opening ceremony, on 17th ult., was performed by the Lady Mayers. The articles offered for sale included every variety of Irish lace, embroideries, linens, woollens, tweeds, furniture, bric-a-brac, and brass-

work, representing the various local industries of Ireland. In the Colonies the Irish Saint has been equally honoured. In the Catholic Church there were special prayers for the safety of the Irish soldiers in South Africa. From Cape Town we learn that the Irish squadron fell in for drill at Rosenbank, and that badges were presented to the soldiers by ladies. At a banquet held in honour of St. Patrick's Day, the officers of the Royal Irish who recently arrived, were the principal guests. In Dublin the public procession by which the Lord Mayor inaugurates his year of office was held on 17th ult.—for the first time on St. Patrick's Day—and the opposition of the extreme Nationalist section in the city to the attitude of the Lord Mayor in regard to the Queen's approaching visit led to some hostile demonstrations and stone-throwing.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

Wei-hai-Wei.

(March 19th.) Sir C. Dilke asked the Civil Lord of the Admiralty what had been the Naval expenditure on the Naval depot at Wei-hai Wei up to the present time, as compared with the Estimates laid before Parliament, and excluding expenditure from Army Votes on engineer and garrison services. Mr. A. Chamberlain: The expenditure for the year 1898-99 was, in round figures, £25,500, of which rather more than £7,000 was spent on dredging, £15,000 on the purchase of land, and the balance on a rifle range, repairs, and various small services. As regards the present year, I am unable to add anything to the information which I gave in the debate on the Naval Estimates on March 2 last.

The "Open Door" in China.

Mr. H. Roberts asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he would state whether, in consequence of representations from the American Minister at Peking, the United States Government had decided to send a warship from Manila to the nearest port in China, and whether representations had also been addressed to the British Minister at Peking pointing out that rebellion and anarchy were apprehended in China in consequence of the attitude of the Dowager-Empress to the further extension of the policy of the "open door"; and whether the Government had taken the necessary steps to protect British interests in China, in view of such an outbreak taking place. Mr. Brodrick: The answer to the first question is in the negative. Her Majesty's Government have taken, and will continue to take, all necessary steps to protect British interests in China.

British Trade in China.

Mr. Joseph Walton asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that British-owned steamers specially built to trade under the agreement with the Chinese Government, which authorised British ships to carry British goods to every river and town and station, were being taken off the West River in consequence of not being allowed to load or discharge cargo at places between treaty ports; and whether Her Majesty's Government would insist on the carrying out of the agreement as navigation on inland waterways in its entirety.

Mr. Brodrick: We have not heard of any British steamers having been taken off the West River in the circumstance referred to. The agreement with the Chinese Government permitted foreigners to trade in steamers where native boats had been permitted. This did not include every river and town and station. The hon. member will find further information on this subject in the papers which are shortly to be presented.

Mr. J. Walton asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that British-owned cargo steamboats would be placed on the Upper Yangtze next month, and whether the gunboats sent to patrol that portion of the river were suitable for the purpose both as regards steaming power and construction, and whether he would state to the House what steps Her Majesty's Government proposed to take in fulfilment of their pledge to provide for the protection of British trade. Mr. Brodrick: We have heard that one British steamer will be placed on the Upper Yangtze in April or May next. It is the fact that the gunboats placed on the river have been found unsuitable. An attempt is to be made next month by two of them to make the passage of the rapids between Ichang and Chungking, and the experience thus gained will, doubtless, prove of much value in deciding on the best class of vessel for the navigation of the river.

The Piracy On The West River.

Mr. J. Walton asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether pirates had attacked with firearms the steam cutter of Her Majesty's ship *Tweed* on the West River, and whether the *Tweed* only steaming two knots against the current, was suitable for the work in which she was engaged; and, if not, whether this gunboat would be replaced by one better adapted to carry out an effective patrol, and whether the commanders of Her Majesty's gunboats stationed on the West River had now been authorised to take whatever steps might be necessary to repress piracy in that district. Mr. Brodrick: On Jan. 6 the steam cutter of Her Majesty's ship *Tweed* chased a Chinese launch which had been seized by pirates, up one of the creeks of the West River, and after an exchange of shots, succeeded in rescuing the launch. Two British vessels of higher speed than the *Tweed*, one being a torpedo-boat, are engaged in the West River. The Commander-in-Chief on the China Station is taking steps for the repression of piracy, and in co-operation with the new Viceroy, Li Hung-chang.—*L. D. C. Express.*

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"MACHAON," Captain Hannah, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st May. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 20th March, 1900. [411b]

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Consignees.

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FROM TRIESTE, FIUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, KARRACHI, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "SILESIA," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 24th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [504b]

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [22]

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both seemed as near perfection as possible, but to the soldiers the judgment that "B" Co. were the winners by distance and time caused no surprise.

Prizes 1st \$50, and 2nd \$25.

RAYONET FIGHTING.

This needs no description. The four champions of "H" Co. and "B" Co. faced each other as shown below, the number of points scored by each man being shown under his name.

"H" Company.
Victory: Williams, Hutton, Simpson.
Bowdage, Jones, Dowell, Cpl. Evans.

"B" Company.

It will be seen that "B" won the greater number of points and so secured the first prize of \$16, while "H" had to be contented with second place with \$4 thrown in as consolation.

PHYSICAL DRILL.

His Excellency the General had offered a shield to be competed for in this contest and so naturally great interest was shown, this was fully maintained on Saturday as it was not generally known that the winners had already been decided upon last Thursday, when Capt. Berger and The Hon. Trefilis, A.D.C. to the General, had acted as judges. On Saturday a display was given by both "C" Co. under Colour Sergeant Kelly, and "H" Co. under Colour Sergeant Murphy, the former being the winners of the shield and \$50 and the latter the second prize of \$25. These exercises are done with the rifle and demand great staying powers in all muscles. The two teams were so remarkably well matched and did the exercises so splendidly that even old non-coms were quite unable to say which was really the better. "C" Co., having perhaps the greater number of advocates.

MARCHING ORDER.

This was decided by Major Morris in the morning, four men under a non-commissioned officer from each company competing. When soldiers intend to turn out clean and smart they do so, and it would be difficult to experience Adjutants used to guard-mounting phrases to pick and choose. Consider when \$25, the prize, is at stake and pity the poor judge; opinions may differ as regards smartness and on minor details, and so it is greatly to the gallant Major's credit the winners were received with rounds of applause, signifying that their comrades were at one in the approval of their officer's choice. "C" Co. were again the happy recipients, thus making three prizes they had captured.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Gascoigne at the conclusion of the Exhibition, the General who had taken great interest in all the events speaking a congratulatory word to the prize winners. The Hon. Col. R. H. B. in command of the Regiment, in thanking the General and Mrs. Gascoigne for their attendance, said that the Gascoigne shield would unfortunately not be ready for presentation for another month. He called upon the men to give three cheers and a tiger for Mrs. Gascoigne.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice.)
April 23rd.

ALLEGED MURDER.

This morning at the Supreme Court Gheba Khan was arraigned on a charge of the wilful murder of one Gulam Hassan on March 8th in Kowloon. The Hon. Attorney General prosecuted and Mr. Slade (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Gird) conducted the defence.

The following gentlemen composed the special jury:—Messrs G. W. Tomlin, G. W. Playfair, J. Layton, E. Osborne, W. H. Gaskell, W. Danby, and R. M. Gray.

The Hon. Attorney General, in opening case for the prosecution, said that both prisoner and deceased Gulam Hassan were soldiers in the Hongkong Regiment. The latter being a Lance Corporal or Nalk and the prisoner a private. Each company in the Regiment is divided into four sections and occupies a block of buildings in which each section has a separate room. The rooms occupied by the room of "D" Co. in which the parties belonged, and of which he had a plan seemed to be 91 feet long and 20 feet broad, in the form of a long parallelogram, with its two long sides facing respectively north and south, therefore, the other sides will be East and West. The room contains beds arranged along the North and South sides twelve on one side, thirteen on the other, 25 beds in all. There is a space between the two rows of beds to allow of passage from one end of the room to the other. There are windows in the walls so there is plenty of light in the room. There are also verandahs along the North and South sides which run the whole length of the room. The time at which the alleged murder seems to have occurred was the middle of the day, between 1.30 and 2 in the early afternoon of the 8th of March last, the actual time being 1.40. On the above date in that room between 1.30 and 2 p.m. deceased seems to have received some heavy violent blows on his head. These blows were caused by some heavy blunt instrument. He died at 5.30 p.m. on the same day in hospital and a postmortem examination was held. Between the time when the blow was struck and deceased died he was unconscious. The medical evidence will show that the skin was not broken, but that the skull was fractured from the temple to the other, a piece of bone had entered the outer covering of the brain, there was a fusion of blood on the brain and that death had been caused by coma from these wounds. From the medical evidence it might fairly be concluded that death was caused by severe blows received on the skull about the time mentioned. Evidence would also be called to show that it might fairly be considered that the hand that inflicted the blows belonged to the prisoner. It was for the jury to consider all the circumstances under which the blows were struck. He would call two witnesses, who personally saw the blows inflicted and the best of his knowledge he did not know of any other persons who had seen the crime.

The first witness was Allah Ditta a private in No. 4 section "D" Co. who would state that he saw deceased asleep on his bed and that the blow was struck about 1.40 p.m. with a broom that was kept alongside the fireplace. Deceased did not move after receiving the blow but remained insensible while carried to the hospital, where he died about 5.30 the same day. The jury would have to decide whether his evidence was true; it was corroborated by another private, Juan Khan, who left the room at 1 p.m. to get the ration's, returning at 1.40 and while passing the window saw the prisoner hit deceased on the head with a broom. Prisoner then left the room and went away. The Attorney General would show that a man would have to fetch ration's and that he would come back along the place from which this witness said he had seen the blow struck.

These were the two witnesses on which the prosecution would rely. The law affecting the

case was then expounded briefly by the learned counsel who said that the jury would have to consider the provocation that prisoner received. He was not aware of the defence that would be put forward as it had been reserved to the Magistrate, but judging from the statement made by the prisoner when he was arrested and charged a different complexion to willful murder would be put on the case. The prisoner said that a few days previous to March 8th Gulam Hassan had come to him at 2 o'clock at night and had asked him to commit an indecent act. On the day of the murder deceased had again made overtures to him while he (the prisoner) had a sword and belt in his hand. Deceased then picked up a broom and struck at him and a tussel had ensued. They were separated. The prisoner contended that if he had intended murder he would have used the sword which was in his possession. This statement put the case in very different terms and if this version was correct that there was a quarrel and they were fighting on level terms, then it would be a case of ordinary manslaughter not murder while if prisoner was only defending himself without using any undue violence it would be a case of justifiable homicide. But doubtless his Lordship would inform them of the law on murder. He could not tell whether the defence would be as his witness, but one point was certain, that the prisoner did not deny that it was his hand that inflicted the blow. Allah Ditta would tell them that four men were sitting around the fireplace talking at the time of the murder and that their talk was inciting the prisoner to strike the deceased, as he was then without the support of his friends. The prosecution could not call these men as witnesses and would not shut their mouths by placing them in the dock along with prisoner. He was in a very embarrassing position as he could not call upon them to give evidence that would incriminate themselves. It was open for the other side to call them and so he had given instructions to have them in Court, so they would be accessible. There were two other men in the room; they were asleep at the time but one, Allah Din, woke immediately afterwards and saw deceased lying on the bed and being a non-commissioned officer went out to report to an officer.

The Hon. Attorney General read some of the evidence taken at the Magistrate's relating to the arrest of prisoner, and said it seemed clear that the deceased was found lying on his bed with the coverlet drawn properly over him, a very few minutes after the alleged conflict was said to have taken place. It was going to be shown by the position of the beds that if a conflict had occurred there would not have been time to have carried deceased to his bed and cover him over so carefully as he was found. Deceased's head being found on the pillow, points to the truth of the version that he was struck while lying on his bed and not in a fair fight. No doubt this would be a difficult case and much conflicting evidence would have to be taken and it was their duty to get at the bottom of the matter. There was no doubt that deceased died from a fractured skull and that prisoner caused his death. They must consider the circumstances which might reduce the crime. The indictment allowed them to return either one of three verdicts. Guilty of willful murder, or of manslaughter, or not guilty, he would endeavour to put the case as fairly and impartially as possible before them for their consideration.

One more point he had to deal with and that was the motive of the crime. It was very difficult to arrive at the genuine motive but doubtless there was some good reason. It might have been the reason ascribed in the statement of it may have been money matters. After again explaining his position as regards the four men before mentioned the Attorney General called his first witness.

Arthur Hasland employed in the Public Works Department, who had made the plan of the room, gave evidence of its correctness and said it was possible to see the bed on which deceased was lying through a window from the verandah, as alleged by Juan Khan.

Mr. Slade cross-examined as regards the actual positions of the beds and windows.

Robert McDonald, a constable, gave evidence of arrest. Allah Ditta was then called and gave the same evidence as reported at the Magistrate. In cross-examination Mr. Slade elicited the fact that witness understood at the time that the four men mentioned above incited the deceased, and saw him walk down the whole length of the room with the heavy broom in his hand, but did not think he was going to murder the man but only had the broom to clean the floor under his bed. He saw prisoner walk up to deceased's bed with no other weapon except the broom in his hand and look to see if he was asleep. He had had no orders to interfere and so did not even call out for assistance to save life, but sat quietly on his bed smoking while he saw the murder committed, simply because he had no orders and there was a havalidar present.

Case adjourned for fifteen.

After fifteen the cross-examination of Allah Ditta was resumed. He said that he was on duty till 1 p.m. on the date of the murder, he was placed in guard room, the two men went and laid themselves on their beds and covered their faces. He did not see any thing about the prisoner; he was cleaning his master's sword on his bed and did not see deceased pick up a broom and assault the prisoner. When the order to remove the prisoner and deceased was given by the subadar the pri or was in the barrack room; he had been brought back. Witness when asked by the subadar if he knew anything about the wounding of deceased would not give information as he considered the subadar favoured the prisoner. The four men who, witness said, had incited prisoner to murder were brought into Court and identified by witness maintaining that all four had acted conjointly.

By His Lordship—He had been in No. 4 section about 34 years. Deceased had been longer in the section than himself. Prisoner had been about 2 years. As far as he knew there had not been any quarrel between deceased and prisoner. Ghulam Hassan was a very good man; witness was not a special favorite of deceased. He had not seen Havalidar Gama in the section room before that date.

Juan Khan was the next witness called and gave the same evidence as given at the Magistrate.

Case proceeding.

QUARANTINE AT SAIGON.

Messrs. Lamka and Rogge courteously inform us that they are in receipt of a telegram from Saigon to the effect that twelve days quarantine, including passage, has been imposed on all arrivals from Hongkong at that port.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 21st instant 67
Do. do. during past 48 hours 5
Total 72
Deaths reported to 21st instant 60
Do. do. during past 48 hours 2
Total 62

A PYTHON LOOSE ON A GUNBOAT.

An exciting and amusing affair occurred on board H.M.S. *Rattler* a few days ago, which while it lasted, gave the ship's company a lively quarter of an hour. There are two pets on board, a big Borneo orangutan, and the other a fine sample of a python about nineteen or twenty feet in length. This creature, which had dined heartily on a deer about three weeks before, had begun to feel its appetite come back again, and in searching about its box for an exit found a place in the side in bad repair. His snakehood was through that in a twinkling unobserved, and seeing the *orang utan*, who was chained up a few yards off, invited himself on the spur of the moment to potluck upon that unfortunate quadruman. The python at once coiled for his spring, his mode of saying grace before meat, when suddenly the quarter-master, Dickson, taking all this in a glance, promptly cut poor excited Jack loose, who was up at the mast-head in a brace of shakes. Lieut. Larking, the proprietor of the *orang utan*, the quarter-master, and another of the crew, who were all on the scene, flung themselves instantly on the hungry python, one at the head, another at the tail, and one in the middle. Then the hand began to play, for the python wanted to get one of the aggressors in his coils, cuddled up against something hard, and the others meant to keep him straight, and free from such uncomfortable kinks. For a moment it was the Laocoon group over again, only in this case three men and one snake, and sprawling all over the deck instead of standing upright in classic marble attitudes. But reinforcements arrived in hot haste, and about twenty sturdy blue-jackets, each embracing a foot of python, reduced the reptile to comparative quiescence. The procession marched back to the python's cage, and he was shut inside, and shut him up. But Jack sat like a cherub aloft at the mast-head for a long time before he came to the conclusion that he was "off" the menu of the day. —S. F. Press.

WAR NEWS BY WIRE.

(From our Exchanges)

The Late Sir Donald Stewart.

LONDON, 31st March.
The Press universally recognises the late Sir Donald Stewart's merits as a soldier and administrator, beneath his manly and modest bearing. His remains were deposited in the English Church at Algiers with military honours on Tuesday, and transferred to H.M.S. *Juno* yesterday. Throngs on the Boulevards uncovered in the presence of the *cortege*, which consisted of several detachments of Chasseurs d'Afrique, Zouaves, Algerians, sailors, and mounted artillery. The funeral car, drawn by six horses, was almost hidden with wreaths and the British and French flags. The immediate escort consisted of British marines, a soldier bearing deceased's decorations. The pall-bearers were three French officers; the Captain and Commander of the *Juno*, and the Vice-Consul. The mourners included Captain Stewart's many French and English officers, the Consuls and residents. The Zouave Band played the British Anthem, and funeral marches; the troops presented arms; and salutes were fired alternately from the *Juno* and the garrison guns. The remains were deposited in the main cabin, which has been transformed into a mortuary chamber. General Robert Biddulph is mentioned as Sir Donald Stewart's probable successor in the Field-Marshalship.

The University Sports.

In the University Sports, Oxford won the 100 yards race, the quarter-mile, high and long jumps, the hammer, and putting the weight. Cambridge won the mile, half-mile, three miles, and hurdles. They were handicapped by the breakdown of the 500 yards champion, and of Jones, and the long jump. The two best performances were Peter Tomlinson's, at the hurdles, and Workman's three miles. It was an excellent meeting, and experts' opinions were more than realised.

The Boat Race.

The Boat Race was one of the hallowest recorded. From the first stroke Cambridge led. Thereafter the race was a mere procession, the gap ever widening to the end. There were five lengths between the boats at Hammersmith, nine at Chiswick, 200 yards at Barnes, the winning margin being estimated at twenty lengths. Although outclassed, the Oxonians struggled pluckily throughout, but were exhausted, while the winners apparently scarcely turned a hair. Time, 18 minutes 47 seconds, equals the record, but there was a fast tide and perfect weather.

Russia and Korea.

A Times despatch from Seoul says that M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister, is modifying his original demands, and has asked for a site for a coal depot for the Russian Steamship Company within the treaty limits of Masampo. To this there is no objection, but he also insists upon non-alienation of any portion of the island of Koje-do.

British Revenue.

The British Revenue shows an increase for the quarter of £7,642,801, and for the year £11,899,377.

The General Election.

The Prime Minister, in a long speech just delivered, said that the General Election would not take place until the Government had completed its task in South Africa.

A Benevolent American.

A telegram from New York states that Mr. Klopch, proprietor of the *Christian Herald*, is chartering a steamer to convey corn to India for the famine-stricken.

The New P.M.G.

It is confirmed that Lord Londonderry succeeds the Duke of Norfolk as Postmaster-General.

The Peace Society.

President Loubet to-day received the British Delegates of the Peace Society. Replying to an address he dwelt on the manifold common interests of England and France, and regarded war between them as an impossibility.

Plague at Sydney.

Eleven fresh cases of plague and two deaths have occurred at Sydney.

The Indian Famine.

3rd April.
In the House of Commons to-night, Sir W. Wedderburn moved for an enquiry into the causes impairing the capacity of the Indian States to resist famine and plague. He urged an Imperial grant for the same purposes as the

Mansion House Fund. Mr. Fowler emphasised the sympathies of Great Britain with the sufferings of India, but deprecated an enquiry. The cause of the famine was the failure of the monsoon. He strongly appealed for an Imperial grant, as an acknowledgement of the generous response of India for the war. Lord George Hamilton said the magnitude of the famine was undoubted, but the mortality was much less than in previous famines; food was cheaper; and the people were fighting the difficulties with courage never shown before. Lord George Hamilton referred to the probable surplus notwithstanding the famine, and thought it was impossible for the Treasury to advance a large sum for charitable purposes. The Government was considering whether advances might not be made to small farmers after the drought was over, and he was communicating with the Viceroy in regard to same. The Government, he said, would continue to develop railways, and push on irrigation and do everything possible to diversify the occupations of the people and promote technical and industrial education. India had put her distress aside and shown her sympathies with the Empire, and we are bound to promise as rapidly as possible the restoration of prosperity and plenty. The motion was rejected by 155 against—votes (14).

Seventy Plague Cases at Sydney.

Altogether there have been seventy cases of plague in Sydney and twenty deaths. The quarantine area has been extended.

The Queen in Ireland.

The Queen has arrived at Kingstown. The squadron saluted, and all the ships were dressed in the roadstead. The heights round Dublin are ablaze to-night with illuminations and bonfires. Dublin is packed with people who are sleeping in the streets. The Queen insists on every precaution being taken for the public safety. Replying to an address at Holyhead to-day Her Majesty added: "The practical and generous sympathy which all classes have shown to sufferers in the present war has been my great consolation during the suspense and anxiety through which we are passing. May peace soon be restored, and other blessings of Heaven be long continued to my Empire." The reception Her Majesty received all along the line from London has been most enthusiastic. Crowds besieged the stations through which the express dashed, cheering wildly and singing the National Anthem.

4th April.
The Queen landed at Dublin to-day, and met with a stately ceremonial. The Lord Mayor presented the keys of the city and the Civic Sword to Her Majesty, who, in reply to the Address of the Corporation, thanked the citizens for their loyal welcome, and said she was deeply gratified to be able to see again the Motherland of those brave sons who had borne themselves in defence of her Crown and Empire with cheerful valour as conspicuous as in the glorious past. Her Majesty's reply was received with acclamations, which were continued unbroken to the Viceregal Lodge. The weather was brilliant, and the entry altogether was an immense success. The Queen was deeply impressed with the enthusiasm displayed.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Schmitz, of the steamship *Oceanien*, from Saigon, reports—Very fine weather during all the voyage.

Captain Attree, of the steamship *Saint Irene*, from Portland, Or., via ports, reports—Moderate winds with snow and fog.

Capt. B. Hasband, of the steamship *Tantulus*, from Singapore, reports—Light to moderate N.E. winds and Barometer steady.

Capt. Anderson, of the steamship *Tsinan*, from Sydney & Co., reports—Throughout the entire voyage experienced remarkably fine weather and smooth sea, China Sea being very smooth.

Captain F. Schulz, of the steamship *Loongmoon*, from Shanghai, reports—From Shanghai to Lamock squally, misty and rainy weather, from Lamock to port fine weather with fresh N.E. wind from port to port.

Captain R. Johns, of the steamship *Wosang*, from Tientsin, reports—From Taku to Shanghai Promotory light variable winds and fine weather, thence to Hieshan Group thick foggy weather, Hieshan to Turnabout varying winds and rain accompanied by thunder and lightning, from Turnabout to Ninepins moderate N.E. and Northerly winds with cloudy sky and hazy weather.

Captain Wm. Finch, R.N.R., of the steamship *Gaelic*, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, reports—Left San Francisco March 23rd, via Honolulu March 30th, Yokohama April 13th, Kobe 15th, Nagasaki 16th, and Shanghai 16th. Had fine weather across the Pacific. From Wosung to Heishan experienced light S.W. to S.E. winds, overcast and misty weather. From Heishan to Ockseu moderate to light N.E. winds, overcast and gloomy weather. Ockseu to port light to moderate N.E. winds, overcast and hazy, with short intervals of fog.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

APRIL.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.
Barometer 30.09
Thermometer 62.0
Humidity 85.0
Rainfall 4.68

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.10 30.01
Temperature 71 72
Humidity 75 73
Rainfall 0.01 —

TO-DAY.

Monday, 23rd April, 1900.
Chinese—24th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.
Sun—Rises 5hr. 35min.
Sets 6hr. 21min.
High water—Morning 5hr. 18min.
Afternoon 5hr. 16min.
Low water—Morning 10hr. 9min.
Afternoon 10hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1616—Shakespeare died.
1845—Happy Valley drainage completed.
1893—Capt. Braxendale drowned at Shanghai.
1897—Attempted assassination of the King of Italy.
1898—U. S. Government call for 125,000 Volunteers.
1899—Collision between *Glenogle* and *City of Kingston*, latter foundered. (Fire at Shanghai, 22 houses destroyed.)

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1900.

Chinese—25th of 3rd moon of 26th year of Kwang-si.
Sun—Rises 5hr. 34min.
Sets 6hr. 21min.
High water—Morning 5hr. 40min.
Afternoon 5hr. 38min.
Low water—Morning 10hr. 39min.
Afternoon 10hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1694—Bank of England founded.
1731—Daniel Defoe died.
1891—The Federal fleet took New Orleans.
1897—Russia declared war against Turkey.
1896—Defeat of the Matabele at Bulawayo.
1897—Larissa evacuated by the Greeks.
1898—Interview between U. S. Consul and Aguinaldo at Singapore.
1899—Wreck of the barque *Lochloy* near Kangaroo Island, 33 lives lost.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

9 p.m.—Ada Delroy Company at City Hall.
9 p.m.—Warren's Circus at West Point.

TO-MORROW.

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.
Noon—Cargo ex *Silecia* subject to rent.
3 p.m.—I. C. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Mausang* leaves for Sandakan via Gaya.
5 p.m.—C. & M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Memur* leaves for Manila.
C. N. Co.'s steamer *Sungking* leaves for Manila.
(About) N. L. steamer *Sibiria* leaves for Havre and Hamburg.
Cargo ex *Preuss* subject to rent.
N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Broomshire* leaves for Victoria B. C. & Co.

WEDNESDAY, 25th.

Noon—C. N. Co.'s steamer *Tsinan* leaves for Manila and Australian Port.
2.30 p.m.—Auction sale of household furniture at Mr. Paul Hewitt's sales rooms, 22nd Street, No. 2.
C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India* leaves for Victoria B. C. & Co.

FRIDAY, 27th.

Noon—N. Y. K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* leaves for Bombay via Singapore and Colombo.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Yavuta Maru* leaves for Sydney and Melbourne, via Manila & Co.

At daylight the Co.'s steamer *Bingo Maru* leaves for Europe via Straits.
C. & M. S. Co.'s steamer *Emeralda* leaves for Hilo and Cebu.

SATURDAY, 28th.

Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.
Noon—P. & O. steamer *Bengal* leaves for London.
(About) N. P. steamer *Glenogle* leaves for Victoria B. C. and Tacoma.
First Gymkhana Meeting of the Season at Race Course.

MONDAY, 30th.

(About) C. & O. S. Co.'s *Carlotta* leaves for San Diego via Honolulu & Co.
(About) O. S. Co.'s steamer *Leina* leaves for Liverpool (direct) via Suez Canal.
Noon—Extraordinary General Meeting of Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at 38 & 40 Queen's Road Central.
2.45 p.m.—Special General Meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, at Chamber Rooms, City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Hongkong Maru*) 27th inst.
American (*Coromandel*) 27th inst.
Indian (*Sutong*) 27th inst.
Australian (*Arctic*) 28th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 28th inst.
German (*Hamburg*) 1st prox.
American (*China*) 5th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 10th prox.
American (*Doric*) 15th prox.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Aberdeen* has arrived at Yokohama and sails for Hongkong to-morrow.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Dalny Vostok* arrived at Yokohama and sailed for Tacoma on the 20th inst.

The steamer *Chingwa*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on Saturday the 21st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Coromandel*, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at 6 p.m., with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on the 27th inst., at 4 p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Algoz*, with Mails & Co., which left hence March 15th for San Francisco via Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 21st inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isla de Cuba, at Kowloon Dock.
H.M.S. *Fame*
H.M.S. *Hummer*
Progress
Taiyuan
Ness
D. Juan d' Austria Cosmopolitan
Independent
Mausang
Devawongse

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—13th April—*Inaba Maru*, Agamemnon.
17th April—*Salasia*, Ballarat.
Homeward—17th April—*Stuttgart*.
Arrivals at Home—18th April—*Westphalia*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Gaelic, British steamer, 2,691, Wm. Finch, R.N.R., 21st April—San Francisco 23rd Mar., via Honolulu 30th, Yokohama 13th April, Kobe 15th, Nagasaki 16th, and Shanghai 16th, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.
YARRA, French steamer, 4,255, J. Rogliano, 22nd April—Yokohama 13th April, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
TSINAN, British steamer, 1,419, O. Anderson, 22nd April—Sydney 24th Mar., and Manila 19th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
E-SANO, British steamer, 1,127, C. J. Roope, 22nd April—Canton 21st April, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NANYANG, German steamer, 983, Drewes, 22nd April—Canton 21st April, Ballast—Siemssen & Co.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

OCEANIAN, French steamer, 2,080, Schmitz, 22nd April—Saigon 19th April, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
CHINA, German steamer, 1,275, E. Schipper, 22nd April—Saigon 17th April, Rice—Siemssen & Co.
SEONG LEONG, British

Intimations.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING.

APRIL 23RD, 1900.

EVENTS.

1. HALF-MILE RACE.—For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale with 7 lbs added. Winners at any Official Meeting this season 5 lbs extra. Subscription griffins and bona fide polo ponies allowed 7 lbs.
2. TENT PEGGING.—Points for place and style—three runs.
3. STEEPCHASE.—For all China ponies over usual course. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners of Steeplechase 7 lbs added.
4. ONE MILE HANDICAP.—For all China ponies.
5. LADIES NOMINATION.—Each Competitor to start from a post 100 yards up the course and ride to the lady who nominates him, take one potato from her each time, return and drop it into his bucket. Should he fall or the potato not remain, he must dismount, put the potato into the bucket, and mount without assistance. To win, first past the winning post third time in with all three potatoes in the bucket.
6. 1 1/2 MILE RACE.—For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale with 3 lbs added. Subscription griffins allowed 7 lbs. Winners at this Meeting 5 lbs extra.
7. ONE MILE RACE.—For Waters. Catch Weights over 11 st. 7 lbs.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [595b]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 per Share in respect of the 50,000 New Shares has been called up and Holders of such Shares who have not already paid this installment are requested to PAY the Amount of such CALL to the Undersigned at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on or before the 30th April, 1900.

Dated the 27th March, 1900.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHARES in this Company on which a CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on the 31st day of March, 1900, and which Call has not yet been paid, are liable to be forfeited, in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per share will be charged on all Overdue Calls.

W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1900. [595b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTION were passed:

1. That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserved Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.
2. That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 31 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as of the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 2nd day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of this Company, numbered 7165 to 7174, and dated the 20th May, 1893, in the name of FUNG WA CHUN of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order,

C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [412b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of this Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating the same.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [409b]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of this Company, numbered 1414/1421, in the name of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNSIDE ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [474b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of this Company, numbered 1414/1421, in the name of WILLIAM MONARCH BURNSIDE ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One Month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as null and void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1900. [474b]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th April, 1900, Commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2, A LARGE QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM and BED ROOM FURNITURE of every Description, OVERMANTELS, WRITING DESKS, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY, BATHROOM REQUISITES, PICTURES, BOOKCASES, &c., &c. A lot of very fine GAS FIXTURES. Several BICYCLES. 1 COTTAGE PIANO, by R. Lipp & Sohn, Stuttgart in very good condition. On View at the Undersigned's. Catalogues will be issued Prior to Sale. TERMS OF SALE:—As customary. PAUL JREWEFF, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [519b]

Notice of Firm.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

HOTZ, SJACOB & CO.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b]

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the year 1899 has been declared.

Warrants will be issued on the 1st May.

By Order of the Board,

W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [513b]

WANTED.

A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 891-2.

Address:—J. J. F. Office of This Paper.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

WANTED.

A FEW BOARDERS (GENTLEMEN) Central Position on low level; good accommodation with use of Billiard Table and select Library.

Apply REK, 270 This Paper.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1900. [536b]

ANNUAL CHEAP SALE.

FINE JAPANESE GOODS, during 20 Days only, commencing from 25th March.

D. NOMA, No. 12, Bensonfield Arcade, Opposite the City Hall, Hongkong, 26th March, 1900.

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER SMITHS, and OPTICIANS. CHARTS and BOOKS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES.

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PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG, SOAP MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES, &c., &c.

Sole Agents for FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM and P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [38]

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

No. 6, 1st House Street, Praya Central. Head Office:—TOKIO.

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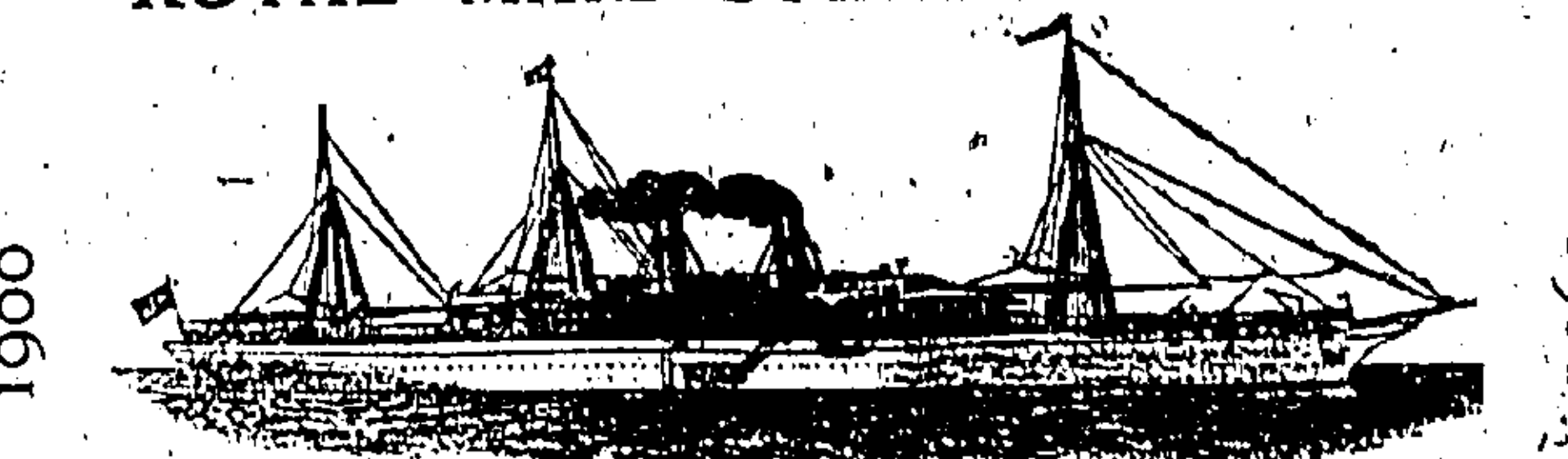
The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, Ltd. Tokio Marine Insurance Co., Limited. Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Limited. Kanagawachi Cotton Spinning Mills. Shanghai Cotton Spinning Mills. Tokio Cotton Spinning Mills. Imperial Government Paper Mills. Onoda Cement Company.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, M. FUJISE, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1899. [33]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 25th April.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 16th May.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific Journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Peking's Street. [3]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Cartage City... [3,002] about April 30
Strathgyle... [5,023] about May 10
Belgian King... [3,379] about June 5
Thyn... [3,812] about July 8

THE Steamship "CARLISLE CITY," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, ON MONDAY, the 30th April.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 12th April, 1900. [28]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Brookshire... [3,367] G. E. Elliot April 24
Glenogle... [3,750] W. Frakes April 28
Queen Adelaide... [2,812] F. McNair May 5
Duke of Fife... [3,821] J. S. Cox May 12

Also FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire... [2,874] W. A. Evans May 19
Braemar... [3,601] W. Watt June 9
Monmouthshire... [2,874] W. A. Evans Aug. 4

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR and STEWARDESSE carried. HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £38. Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1900. [4]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship "BENGAL," Captain S. Bircham, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1900. [5]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
MIKE MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	To-MORROW, 24th April, at Noon.
MIKAWA MARU	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	To-MORROW, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
AWA MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	WEDNESDAY, 25th April, at 4 P.M.
N. Trenn	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Noon.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW-CASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight.
BINGO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU		

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900.

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.) Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.



HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
*SIBIRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	24th April. Freight and Passage.
*KONIGSBERG	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	10th May. Freight and Passage.
Christiansen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 22nd May. Freight.
BAMBERG	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	May. Freight.
Jacobs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 6th June. Freight and Passage.
SARNIA	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 20th June. Freight.
Fuchs	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	June. Freight.
SAMBIA	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	June. Freight.
Ehlers	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG	June. Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 26th June, at Noon.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 31st May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara; and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 21st April, 1900.